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SUBJECT: EMBASSY CONGRATULATES GOB FOR FATF DECISION TO
LOCATE MENAFATF IN BAHRAIN

On July 12, 2004 Pol/Econ Chief and OFAC Attach
congratulated Sheikh Ebrahim bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa, the
Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance and National
Economy for Bahrain, for the FATF,S decision to accept
Bahrain,s bid to host the Middle East and North Africa
Financial Action Task Force (MENAFATF) a new FATF style
regional body. Sheikh Ebrahim indicated that the Minister is
considering inviting Treasury Secretary John Snow and other
Treasury officials to attend the inaugural meeting of
MENAFATF scheduled for the second half of November.

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